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BREAKERS AHEAD.

The Astorian is in receipt of a letter from Cadie A. Holbrook, secretary of the Exposition Travelers' Aid Association, requesting that a note of warning be published to deter young ladies in Oregon and eastern states from coming to Portland during the exposition to secure employment. The association states that there is no employment for any young girls and that hundreds of young girls who live in Portland are unable to secure employment. The association has prepared a large number of leaflets and placards which they will distribute throughout the large cities warning unskilled and unemployed young women against coming to Portland to seek positions simply because it is exposition year. It is the purpose to set forth the fact that such field of labor will greatly overcrowd. Such warning is timely and the hope is that it will prove efficacious. The Portland Evening Telegram speaking of the subject says:

"It would be well if the Portland Travelers' Aid Association called attention in its warning to the unfortunate fact that young women of the city who now have employment as clerks, stenographers and the like have cause to complain of the conditions which the cupidity of the landlord and boarding house proprietor promises to impose. These latter, evidently believing that there is to be but one year in Portland, that the present year of the exposition, and after that the deluge, have signified their intention of advancing room rent and the price of board until their working girl patrons have come to regard the fair as a detriment to their welfare. Many of these young women declare that after they pay the advanced price of living, they will have left from a week's wages but a fraction of a dollar for clothing and incidental expenses."

While it will be an international exposition of the wonderful resources of each state, it will also be an international grafting exposition, and it successfully carried out there will be more millionaire hotel and restaurant keepers in Portland when the exposition is over than there are millionaires in New York. But the warning to young women should be heeded. These facts, if forcibly brought to the attention of young women who erroneously believe that during the approaching summer Portland will be a veritable industrial Mecca should be beneficially discouraging. These are not pleasant facts, even for Portland people to contemplate. It is indeed pitiable that any considerable class of persons should allow the mighty dollar to tread so closely upon the heel of their conscience or perhaps more accurately, trample conscience under foot entirely. It is the condition, however, and not the ethical desire, that the wage-earning young woman of Portland who does not live at home has to face. The more clearly this condition is understood by her sisters abroad infinitely better will it be for all concerned.

From the above it is to be inferred that the hotel, lodging houses, boarding houses and restaurants expect to make a princely fortune off the visitors to the fair. Exorbitant prices will be charged for rooms, beds and meals, and only such men as John D. Rockefeller, J. Pierpont Morgan, George J. Gould, John W. Gates, George Noland, Andrew Carnegie and a few other wealthy men will be able to visit the exposition and remain over one train. The railroad fare will be cheap, but what one saves in railroad fare will be more than offset by the price of a meal.

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS.

How many times we come to a crisis in life when some obstacle confronts us which we think will be a terrible calamity and will perhaps ruin us if we cannot avoid it. We fear that our ambition will be thwarted or that our lives, perhaps, will be wrecked. The dread of the shock which we think will overwhelm us as we come nearer and nearer to it, without any possibility of averting it, is something frightful, and yet something beyond his control has straightened out the tangle, solving the puzzle which seemed in-

soluble; the storm which threatened shipwreck has passed over, the sun has come out again, and everything has become tranquil and serene once more. Many have threatened but, somehow, things have come out right in spite of us, so that we have wasted our vitality, we have grown old, and wrinkled and bent, and have shortened our youth, anticipating troubles and worrying about calamities which never were to happen. Why should we thus needlessly throw away happiness and usefulness?

It seems strange that when we know perfectly well that we are dependent for every breath we draw upon a divine providence which is constantly providing for us and protecting us, we do not learn to trust it with absolute confidence and resignation. There is only one thing for us to do, and that is to do our level best where we are, every day of our lives; to use our best judgment, and then to trust the rest to that Power which holds the forces of the universe in His hand, and which does all things well.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents
With Comments by a Layman.

A large number of the people of Astoria who have been saving up money to go the Lewis and Clark fair, have discovered that they will be compelled to take their dinner with them and sleep in the park. Hotel rates are so high that only millionaires can be accommodated.

Judging from Rojestvensky's ability to get lost, he might make a good thing out of a correspondence school for bank defaulters.

Chauncey Depew has had another birthday. So have some of his jokes.

"Should idiots be killed at birth?" asked a Portland clergyman. Well, judging from some of the fraternity in Portland, they didn't find it out until they had grown up and received a call from that city.

Senator Proctor of Vermont says that maple sugar does not taste as good as it did when he was a boy. Probably the flap-jacks do not either.

An Astoria woman can get more real enjoyment out of boasting a man while he is hanging a picture than the average man can at a Dutch supper.

The Lewis and Clark fair is getting an exalted idea of its value. The price for just looking at the outside of the buildings have been increased to 25 cents.

Parisian authorities have decided that cigarette smoking is perfectly proper in drawing rooms. In Indiana they will continue to smoke them out behind the barn.

Whatever they may do in Russia, America always has something to beat them. At present Chicago is making the Russian riots look like peace and quiet.

Over in Chinook a man has been arrested for eating grass. Perhaps he has become tired of eating saw dust breakfast food and needed a change.

Fifty thousand citizens of St. Louis will journey across to East St. Louis today because they cannot get a drink at home. East St. Louis is strongly in favor of Sunday closing—for the people across the river.

Congressman Billy Hearst has sued Congressman Towne for \$5000 due on a note. He recovered, though Towne alleged that he was to pay the note by writing articles for the Hearst papers. The public is satisfied to have it go that way. The Hearst papers are bad enough as they are.

Colonel Bryan has paid \$500 for a thoroughbred heifer, doubtless with a lofty purpose to insure a worthy ingredient for milk punch in the famous Thomas Jefferson punch bowl.

CITY FINANCES.

Large Amount of Outstanding Warrants Redeemed Last Month.

City Treasurer Thos. Dealy reports that he has redeemed and cancelled \$32,000 in city warrants during the month of April, a large amount of which were warrants drawn on the general fund for payment of street improvements where the property owners have taken advantage of the five-year installment plan. In his opinion, if all the property owners would pay for their improvements when completed, the city would be very close up to its general fund warrants, or close to a cash basis. If the owners of property would pay their street assessments, some of which have been delinquent for three or four years, the financial condition of Astoria would be in good shape.

With about \$30,000 standing out due the city and which efforts will be made to collect some time this year, the council would be in a position to order several needed improvements, but great care will have to be exercised in creating any indebtedness in excess of the charter limitations. The city did not expect such a rapid growth and was unprepared for it when they

made a list of their expenditures for the year.

Irving Avenue.

The committee on ways and means of the common council have not yet decided what disposition will be made of the petition of property owners along Irving avenue asking for the improvement of that street. A portion of the street ought to be improved, but there is one portion between Twentieth street and the Clatsop mill which is on silted ground and it will be almost impossible to make an improvement that will stay. There is another question to be taken into consideration and that is, will the property which is to be assessed for the improvement raise sufficient money to pay for it, and will the property owners, or a majority of them insist on taking advantage of the five years' installment plan. If the street is improved it will have to be on a cash basis. The best way would be for the property owners to make their own improvement. The common council would no doubt grant them permission.

Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes a flaming city is saved by dynamite a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe, at Chas. Rogers' drug store, price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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ciennes lace and finished with
Valenciennes edging. Regular
price 60c. This week, each..... 54c

CORSET COVER,
made of fine quality Long Cloth,
with lace yoke, nicely finished.
Regular 75c. This week, each..... 68c

CHEMISE,
made of good cambric, with two
V shaped rows of lace insertion,
edging to match. Regular 90c.
This week, each..... 81c

CHEMISE, Made of Cambric,
with two insertions of lace, edg-
ing to match. Regular price
\$1.00. This week, each..... 90c

CHEMISE,
made of good quality Long
Cloth, trimmed with Valen-
ciennes lace and ribbon at
neck. Skirt finished with
a bounce, ornamented with
insertion and lace. Regular
price \$1.40. This week, each..... \$1.26



Made of Long Cloth
trimmed with Valenciennes
lace and embroidery insertion.
Regular \$1.00. This week, each..... 90c

Made of Long Cloth
with tucked reverses and em-
brodery medallions. Regular
\$1.50. This week, each..... \$1.35

DRAWERS

Made of Cambric
trimmed with tucks, embroi-
dery insertion and edging.
Regular 50c. This week, each..... 45c

Made of Good Quality Long Cloth,
heavy lace, bounce. Regular
\$1.00. This week, each..... 90c

Made of Fine Quality Nainsook,
Lois Fuller bounce, trimmed
with embroidery and tucks.
Reg. \$1.20. This week, each..... \$1.08

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MADE OF CAMBRIC, bounce with tucks and em-
brodery. Regular \$1.00. This week, each..... 90c

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enciennes lace and edging to match. Regular \$1.75. This week, each..... \$1.57

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finished. Regular price \$2.25. This week, each..... \$2.02

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